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Dear Superintendents and Principals,

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is working to raise awareness of protective measures available to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and the roles schools can play in protecting children. Victims with protective orders in place are eligible to participate in the state's Address Confidentiality Program.

Participants of the program are issued a substitute PO box address which can be used for most state and local government services such as driver's license, vehicle voter and **school registrations** and legal procedures. The participant's first-class mail is sent to a secure substitute address and then forwarded to their new home address.

Participants of the program will have an ACP authorization card for verification purposes. When a parent or legal guardian presents their authorization card, schools are required by law to accept the ACP substitute address for safety purposes. With a total of 51 lives lost to domestic violence and more than 8,000 women and children served in emergency shelters during fiscal year 2008 – 2009 (Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence), it's imperative that we all do our part to keep students safe.

Verification of enrollment eligibility and transfer of school records are handled by ACP staff. If schools encounter participants of the program and have additional questions, they may contact the ACP program director at (317) 233-8647 or toll-free at 1-800-321-1907.

Sincerely,

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